

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

09/923,624

Examiner

Ba Huynh

Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to The Examiner's amendment on 3/1/06.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-21.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

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PRIMARY EXAMINER

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

Notice of Allowance vacated

Applicant is advised that the Notice of Allowance mailed on 12/29/05 is now vacated, under 37 CFR 1.313(b), based on a determination that claim 10 directs to non-statutory subject matter, i.e., computer program per se.

A supplemental Notice of Allowance is followed, in accordance with an Examiner amendment authorized by Mr. Thomas Basso during an interview on 3/1/06.

Since the issue fee has already been paid, upon receipt of this supplemental Notice of Allowance, applicant may request that the previously submitted issue fee be applied.

Examiner's amendment

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Thomas Basso on 3/1/06.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claim 9, line 3: After the phrase "said method comprising" insert "the steps of".

Claim 9, line 17: After the phrase "by said second generation", delete "means" and insert "step".

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Claim 9, line 19: After the phrase "by said input control", delete "means" and insert "step".

Claim 10, line 1: Before the phrase "information processing", delete "An", and insert "A computer readable medium having an"; and after the phrase "computer program" insert "stored thereon".

Claim 10, line 13: Before the phrase "displaying", insert "a display step for".

Claim 10, line 20: After the phrase "said second generation", delete "means" and insert "step".

Claim 10, line 24: After the phrase "control", delete "means" and insert "step".

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-21 allowed.

Claims 1-21 are patentable over the prior art of record for the same reason as set forth in the last Office action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ba Huynh whose telephone number is (571) 272-4138. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon - Fri.

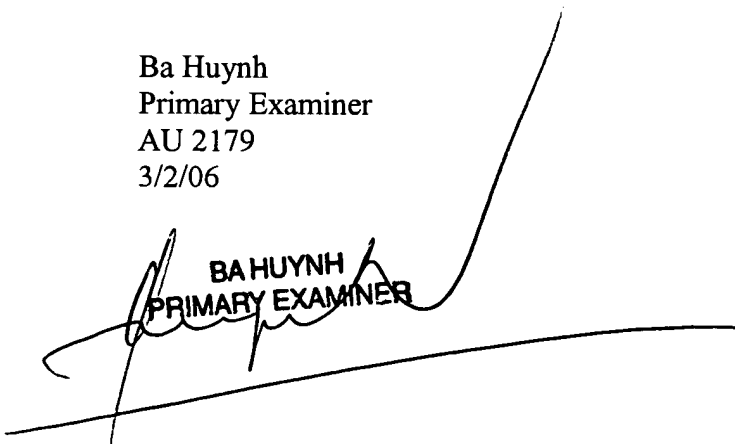
If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Weilun Lo can be reached on 571-272-4847. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Ba Huynh', is written over the printed name and title. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.